

# Goals for the Port Townsend Shoreline Master Program

Note to reader: This document contains the draft goals of the Shoreline Master Program as of July 29, 2004. The goals proposed here are a combination of goals from the existing SMP and new and revised goals. One change proposed is for the goals to be listed in their own chapter in the SMP rather than as a subset of a section as they are in the existing SMP. The introductory material provided to this draft chapter also is new. Underline and strikethrough has been used to indicate changes proposed to the original goal statements from the existing *Port Townsend SMP*.

Review comments are appreciated. Please use the check boxes to the right of proposed goals to indicate whether they appear to be appropriate for Port Townsend, and please note any comments you have in the space provided.

## Introduction

This section contains goals that form the foundation of the Shoreline Master Program and apply to all areas of Port Townsend shoreline jurisdiction, regardless of the designated shoreline environment. The Shoreline Management Act requires cities to adopted goals, or “elements,” to guide and support major shoreline management issues. The elements required by RCW 90.58.100(2), when appropriate, are:

### **Shoreline Use Element**

To consider the proposed general distribution and general location and extent of the use on shorelines and adjacent land areas for housing, business, industry, transportation, agriculture, natural resources, recreation, education, public buildings and grounds, and other categories of public and private uses of the land.

### **Economic Development Element**

For the location and design of industries, industrial projects of statewide significance, transportation facilities, port facilities, tourist facilities, commerce and other developments that are particularly dependent on their location on or use of the shorelines of the state.

### **Circulation Element**

To consist of the general location and extent of existing and proposed major thoroughfares, transportation routes, terminals, and other public utilities and facilities, all correlated with the shoreline use element.

### **Public Access Element**

To make provisions for public access to publicly owned areas.

**Recreational Element**

For the preservation and enlargement of recreational opportunities, including but not limited to parks, tidelands, beaches, and recreational areas.

**Conservation Element**

For the preservation of natural resources, including but not limited to scenic vistas, aesthetics, and vital estuarine areas for fisheries and wildlife protection.

**Historic, Cultural, Scientific, and Educational Element**

For the protection and restoration of buildings, sites, and areas having historic, cultural, scientific, or educational values.

## Shoreline Use Element

Advisory group comments: replace existing shoreline use goal with one that is similar to the Everett SMP example, but strengthened with language from the Shoreline Management Act.

**Goal**

~~To promote the best possible pattern of land and water uses, to assure that individual uses are placed on sites appropriate to such uses, to assure that lands and water of specific natures are available to uses that need such special types of lands and water, to see that all the uses needed by the region have a place, and to generally devise a pattern beneficial to the natural and human environments.~~

To plan for and foster appropriate uses on shorelines and adjacent land areas, including housing, business, industry, transportation, natural resources, recreation, education, public buildings and grounds, and other categories of public and private uses of the land, while protecting and enhancing the quality of the shorelines of the City and adjoining County properties and preserving special opportunities for water-dependent, water-related and water-enjoyment uses.

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## Economic Development Element

Advisory group comments: modify the existing economic development goal to recognize appropriateness of scale, quality of life, and minimizing environmental impacts, borrowing from the goal stated in the draft Jefferson County SMP presented at the 6/17/04 meeting.

**Goal** Foster viable, orderly economic growth. To encourage utilization of economic resources to improve the standard of living and quality of life for residents of Jefferson County and the City of Port Townsend, at the same time assuring that such resource utilization development is appropriate to the scale of the community and compatible with the conservation element minimizes disruption and degradation of the shoreline environment.

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## Conservation Element

Advisory group comments: change “timber” to “native vegetation.” Add third goal, provided the SMP defines “no net loss” and “ecological functions.”

**Goal** To conserve and enhance the natural resources including scenic vistas, estuaries, beaches, shorelines, fragile ecological areas, fish, wildlife, timber and land, water and air.

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Development should be located, designed, constructed, and operated so as not to degrade water quality as measured by state water quality standards.

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To achieve, at a minimum, no net loss of ecological functions of the shoreline and offset foreseeable environmental impacts.

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## Circulation Element

Advisory group comments: replace existing circulation goal with the Everett SMP example and change “pedestrian” to “non-motorized.”

**Goal**      ~~To recognize the importance of all types of circulatory systems to our region and to create and maintain a circulatory network capable of delivering people, goods, and services at the highest level of convenience, safety, reliability, and economy. Yet we do not want unpleasant side effects, so we wish to see the secondary effects of circulatory system developments are accounted for in the planning of such systems. Circulation planning must be compatible with land use planning.~~

To achieve safe, convenient non-motorized-friendly, and diversified circulation systems to provide public access to the shoreline, efficient movement of people and goods, with minimum disruption to the shoreline environment and minimum conflict among shoreline uses and between shoreline users and abutting upland areas.

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## Public Access Element

Advisory group comments: modify the existing public access goal as recommended by staff.

**Goal** To provide and maintain a safe, convenient, and balanced system of public access, both physical and visual. A system that increases the amount and diversity of opportunity for the public to enjoy the shorelines of the state, including access for people with disabilities where appropriate, while respecting the rights of private ownership. A system that is ~~respectful~~ live of fragile natural features of the shorelines and strives to maintain the quality of life enjoyed by the shoreside community.

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## Recreational Element

Advisory group comments: keep the term “proper.” Staff recommends using the word “appropriate.”

**Goal** To ~~develop and maintain~~ seek and provide ~~proper~~ appropriate public and private recreational opportunities ~~for local people~~ that are compatible with adjacent uses and that minimize disruption and degradation of the shoreline environment, recognizing the importance of existing park, trail and recreation areas. ~~To encourage the proper development of recreational sites for visitors and to assure the management of present sites in a manner that will maintain and preserve the very resources that have created the demand for their use.~~

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## Historic, Cultural, Scientific, and Educational Element

**Goal** To ~~protect and restore~~ ensure the recognition, protection, and restoration of shoreline areas ~~and sites having that~~ have historical, cultural, educational, or scientific value to the community, and create a unique “sense of place” for public spaces in the shoreline jurisdiction.

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## Restoration Element

Advisory group comments: keep this goal, rename if necessary to avoid confusion with state SMP terminology.

**Goal** To encourage development in areas that have been previously blighted or degraded so such areas may be renewed or restored to a natural or useful condition.

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